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Meeting.  
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office, No. 2, Colnaght Road.

Auctions.  
Noon.—Auction of 5 Lady's Columbia Bicycles, by Mr. G. P. L. Munnart.

Amusements.  
9 p.m.—Performance by the Mr. Henry D'Almeida Musical Comedy Co., in the City Hall.

#### General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 15—  
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SATURDAY, March 16—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porcelain, Bronzes and Embroideries, by Mr. G. P. L. Munnart.

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

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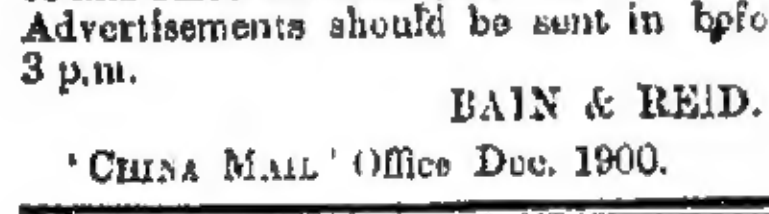
MONDAY, March 18—  
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at Po Hing Fong.

TUESDAY, March 19—  
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Union Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Society's Head Office, No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

#### ADVERTISEMENTS.

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On the 7th March, at 9, Poi-ta-ho Lane, Shanghai, the wife of James Hutchinson, of a Son.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.15 p.m.

#### The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1901.

**TRAIN.** It will be seen from Reuter's WRECKERS, telegram published to-day TO DIE, that two train-wreckers have been sentenced to death in South Africa.

This sentence may raise a cry of inhumanity from those who consider the Boer can do no wrong; but we think the average-minded member of the general public will agree that the sentence is deserved, and that effect should be given to the sentence of death.

From Australian newspapers before us, we learn that train-wrecking has been practised by the Boers far more extensively than we at this distance were aware, and even in the middle of February being: "Three more trains have been wrecked on the Natal-Johannesburg line." It will also be remembered that Lord Kitchener narrowly escaped a serious railway disaster, the train proceeding the one by which he was travelling having been derailed with serious loss of life.

We need hardly say that train-wrecking is not recognised as civilised warfare. The Boers—some of them—have perpetrated crimes that place them as a fighting force outside the pale of civilisation; and it would appear that the Boer refuses to learn the rules of so-called civilised warfare, but considers the leniency of the British to guarantee immunity for his inhumanity. It is, therefore, satisfactory to know that at his train-wreckers are to be considered as they are—murderers, and that their punishment in future is to be death.

There is apparently a likelihood that guerrilla warfare may be prolonged indefinitely. As there is now no recognised Boer Government and no regular Bureaucracy in the field, we hope, in the interests of the British Forces, who are as much to be considered on the humanitarian side as are the Boers, that drastic punishment will be administered to all rebels under arms.

If the rebels prefer extermination, let them have their wish. Anyhow, Lord Kitchener ought to see to it that his men are not to be exterminated. If one side must go under, then let it be the Boer guerrillas.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**Royal Visit to Ireland.**  
The King has announced the Lord Lieutenant that mourning prevents him visiting Ireland this year; but he hopes to go next year.

**Death from a Fly.**  
At Harpington, a lamentable case of death from anthrax in a European, caused by the bite of a fly, has drawn attention to the shortcomings of medical science as regards investigating this form of animal disease, its causes and its development.

**Plague in India.**  
A Calcutta telegram, dated 22nd February, says:—Plague is increasing all over India, and the returns last week were much higher. In Calcutta there were 56 fresh cases yesterday. In Bengal, in the week ending 10th February, there were 4000 deaths from plague; and Calcutta had 233 deaths in one week.

**The Siamese Navy.**  
The Bangkok Times of the 20th February says:—The *Supri*, the second of the two gunboats delivered this year to the Siamese Government by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., arrived here yesterday morning. She is a sister ship to the *Bali*, having a displacement of 300 tons, and engines of about 600 indicated horse power. The new *B* has the lines, and is beautifully fitted up in every way. We understand the naval authorities here are highly satisfied with both boats. After her arrival the *Supri* was yesterday taken for a spin down the river as far as Bangkok point and back. Captain de Rielhous, Mr. Jousen, Mr. M. Nielsen and others were on board to see how she ran.

**Sad Death of a Frenchman.**  
Mr. F. Chabaut, an old resident of Bangkok and part-proprietor of the *Siam Free Press*, committed suicide on the 28th February, by hanging himself from a beam in his house. A short time before he seemed in good health and spirits, and took little with some friends. A Bangkok contemporary says:—Mr. Chabaut was a Frenchman, and in fact was one of the most prominent members of the French community here. It must be nearly twenty years since he first came out to Siam, as an assistant in the firm of Bonaville and Co., a bank merchant. When Mr. Bonaville left, Mr. Shaw took up the business with Mr. Chabaut as his partner, and the firm of Shaw and Chabaut was long well known here. Within the last year or two we understand that Mr. A. Jourdan was his partner in the business. He bought the *Siam Free Press* when it was sold by Mr. Lillie. About nine years ago he had a stroke of paralysis which affected the whole of one side of his body, and from that, of course, he never completely recovered. But though he was far from being strong, he was enjoying his usual health, and his death has been a great shock to all his friends.

**AN HONEST MEDICINE FOR LA GRIPPE.**  
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#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**An Imperious Princess.**  
Princess Victoria, the eight-year-old daughter of the German Emperor, is said to be a most haughty little lady, with a very exalted idea of her position as a Royal Princess. She is much beloved by her father, to whom her imperious manner in the source of much amusement. Speaking of her to a friend recently the Kaiser said:—  
"Sometimes when talking to me she quite forgets that I am Emperor, but I am confident that she never for one moment forgets that she is the Emperor's daughter."

**Theatre Royal.**  
Last night, there was again a large attendance at the Theatre Royal to witness the third performance of "Florodora" by the Dallas Opera Company. The piece went with great vim from the rise of the curtain till its fall. The music was pretty, and the acting and singing greatly pleased the audience. Encores were again frequent. The piece goes on to-night again, after which there will be a change of programme, "San Toy" being staged for the remainder of the week.

**Tobacco Samples.**  
For some time, the lovers of "the narcotic weed" have been receiving neatly-packed presents of a very acceptable character. It seems that not content with painting the Prays roll—so to speak, the American Tobacco Company is now sending broadcast a free sample of their A. D. C. Navy Cut, Seal of North Carolina Plug Cut and Richmond Gum Cut tobacco. We cannot but admire the enterprise of the Company. They evidently do not belong to the class of wisagogs who believe that advertising pays everywhere else on the face of the earth but in Hongkong. We have sampled their fragrant tobaccos, and, allowing for individual taste in tobacco—which is as varied as the taste in whiskies—we are free to admit that their goods fully merit the claims put forward on their behalf.

**The Queen's Last Signature.**  
It will be news to most people (says *Free Press*) that the Queen had been seriously ill for at least a fortnight before the first bulletin was published. Her Majesty was driven out every day as usual, but she was unable to sleep or eat, and took but little interest in her surroundings. When she was informed of the death of the Bishop of London, she was unable to dictate the message of condolence to Mr. Creighton, and it was drawn up by another hand. Her Majesty, however, roused herself sufficiently to sign the card attached to the wreath which she sent to be placed on the Bishop's bier. This card will ever possess a historical interest, as bearing the last signature which Queen Victoria wrote. It is pathetic, too, to reflect that Her Majesty's last quietly rest was an act of homage to a dead prelate for whom she had a peculiar affection. My correspondent adds that in his earlier stages the most extraordinary precautions were taken to prevent the Queen's illness becoming known. It was only when a sudden change for the worse alarmed her attendants on the Friday morning that it was hastily decided to prepare the nation for the passing of our peerless Queen.

**A Pathetic Interview.**  
I shall now be betraying no confidence (writes a contributor to *Free Press*) in saying that Lord Roberts was terribly affected by his first interview with Her Majesty when he returned from the war. Not only was the aged Queen's solicitude for her "dear soldier" almost intolerably affecting, but above everything the Field-Marshal was shocked by the physical and mental changes which had taken place in his Sovereign since he last saw her. So deeply was Lord Roberts moved, a member of his staff tells me, that it was with the greatest difficulty that he was able to go through the rest of the day's functions. "I would not go through such an ordeal again," he said to a friend, "for anything that the world has to offer." But the veteran soldier was destined to meet Her Majesty again under still more harassing circumstances. Haunted in her last days by the shadow of her Army's sufferings, the Queen for the second time sent for Lord Roberts. The interview was again absolutely private, and it was the last time the Queen saw one of her subjects under such conditions. The story of that interview will probably never be told, and, indeed, in this day of mourning it were almost sacrilege to attempt to lift the veil. But it is known that the tears streamed down the Queen's cheeks as she poured out to Lord Roberts her grief for the hardships and privations of her brave fighting men; and Lord Roberts himself broke down and mingled his tears with those of his Sovereign. Surely in the world's history there can have been few more pathetic scenes.

**Notes by the Way.**  
The Legislative Council will meet on Thursday at 3 p.m.

Edward VII will be the first king to figure on the British postage stamp.

Parcels mails for Europe &c., per s.s. *Bengal* will close at 3 p.m. on Friday, the 8th inst.

A London telegram dated February 20 states that owing to an outbreak of smallpox in Glasgow, over a quarter of a million people in that city have been vaccinated.

There are 430 men in the Shanghai Police Force—46 foreigners, 99 Indians, and 284 Chinese. Capt. Boissonnet, the new Superintendent, assumed command on the 8th inst.

M. Dvoez, Consul-General for the Netherlands, informs us that all vessels arriving from Hongkong in the ports of the Netherlands-India are subject to quarantine regulations on account of small-pox.

Monsieur Favier, Bishop of North China, who was in Peking during the siege, returned by the French mail steamer *Ernest Simon* to-day. He is returning to Peking.

The Shanghai Municipal budget gives an estimated income for 1901 of Tls. 1,033,700, and the expenditure Tls. 749,100. The deficit brought over from 1900 was Tls. 29,334. The only proposed change in taxation is an increase of the license fee from lotteries from \$1,000 to \$2,000 a month.

Several Liberal members of the House of Commons assert that the fusion of the two classes in South Africa is impossible while two languages exist, and that the British authorities should take steps to abolish the Dutch language. The universal loyalty of the colonies should prove a great lesson to the Dutch.

Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., was riding his bicycle along Queen's Road yesterday afternoon when a ricksha runner deliberately crossed the road in front of him, and caused a collision which injured the ricksha runner's thumb. The cyclist was fined \$3 at the Magistrate's day, for negligence and wilful misbehaviour.

**News from the Philippines.**  
M. U. de Bernard, French Consul at Manila, has gone home on leave.

Two cases of plague and one of small-pox were reported in Manila on the 4th inst.

In another year, it is expected that the English language only will be used in the Manila schools. At present, Spanish is the medium of education.

The American authorities are endeavoring to put down the Katipunan Society. As they say in their own phraseology, they are up against a tough proposition.

Negotiations are being conducted by the U.S. Transport Department to purchase the *Kongree* from Messrs. Wurtner, Barnes and Co. for \$120,000 (Mex.).

A Brewing Company is being floated in Manila with a capital of \$1,000,000 (Mex.). It will be known as the American Brewing Co.

A Manila contemporary publishes details of a regular line of steamers between Seattle and Manila. The *Stratellite* is the first of the line; she is to be followed by the *Royalist* and the *Belgian King*.

A sum of \$1,600,000 (gold) has been voted by the United States for the improvement of Manila Harbour, including the Paig River and the Bridge of Spain. An advertisement relating to this will be found elsewhere in this issue.

On the 1st inst., an insurgent lieutenant was hanged at San Fernando for burying three natives alive. His name was Eusebio Rojas, and he was 28 years of age. There was much bungling at the execution, and the condemned man must have suffered considerably before death came as a happy release.

**The Prevention of Drunkenness.**  
The Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie, Home Secretary, has forewarned the introduction of a bill dealing in a liberal manner with the question of preventing drunkenness.

**Terrible Railway Accident.**  
A terrible railway accident is reported to have occurred at Tempe, New South Wales, on the 16th February. The train from Sydney to Hunterville left Sydney at 6 o'clock with about 500 passengers, and just after passing Sydney Station the engine ran off the rails and fell over the embankment, smashing one carriage to splinters. The engine is stated to have been heart-rending, twenty-six people being killed and a number seriously injured. Some of the latter died on the following day.

**Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil.**  
Stearns' Emulsion and the many substitutes offered for Cod Liver Oil. The beneficial effect is experienced at once. Sold by all Chemists. Wholesale and Retail from A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**Royal Visit to South Africa.**  
The Supplementary Estimates include a grant of £20,000 for the Duke of York's tour. The Duke and Duchess of York have accepted an invitation to include Natal in their tour.

**The Plague.**  
There have been 42 deaths from bubonic plague reported in the Colony since 1st January. The week ended 9th March showed the number of deaths (15) to be more than double that of any previous week this year.

**Heavy Penalties.**  
To-day, at the Magistracy, Yan Hang, master of the arms shop at No. 323 Queen's Road East, was fined \$20 on each of 28 summonses (in all \$560) for breaches of the Arms Ordinance by removing arms without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police, and failing to enter transactions in his stock book. Mr. K. W. Mounsey, solicitor, represented the prisoner, who pleaded guilty, and Detective Sergeant Watt prosecuted. Last month the same defendant was fined \$250 on two summonses, and had about \$600 worth of arms forfeited.

**Registration at Shanghai.**  
In H. R. M.'s Civil Summary Court at Shanghai, Mr. H. H. Fox appeared before Mr. F. S. A. Bourne (Assistant Judge) to support summonses taken out against a number of British subjects for non-registration. He said that these people had now come forward and given satisfaction, and now proposed not to proceed any further against them. Mr. Bourne consented to the withdrawal of the summonses on the understanding that the costs were paid by the defendants. Before leaving, Mr. Fox said that he would have to summon a great many more gentlemen who had not registered themselves at the British Consulate.

**A Curious Coincidence.**  
A very strange coincidence is to be noted in connection with the death of the Queen. A London morning newspaper of Tuesday, the 22nd January, published therefore twelve hours or more before the death of the Queen, has this remarkable announcement:—"Mr. J. W. Lilley, late Surveyor-General of Her Majesty's Customs, and foster-brother to the Queen, died early yesterday morning at Esher, Surrey, Park-road, S.E." The deceased Mrs. Lilley, the mother of this gentleman, was selected as the wet nurse for the Queen, and took direct personal charge of the infant Princess Victoria of Kent from the day of her birth at Kensington Palace, on the 24th May, 1819. It is not a little remarkable that this old gentleman, the foster-brother of the Queen, should have pre-deceased his Royal foster-sister by one day, he having died on the 21st January and the Queen on the 22nd.

**Admiral Seymour's Successor.**  
Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, who is presently to come to Chinese waters in command of the British squadron in place of Sir Edward Seymour, about to retire, was well known here (says the *Singapore Free Press*) during his somewhat lengthened stay here with his flagship, the *Orlando*, which came up to Singapore on her way home from Australia about three years ago, at a time when serious trouble was expected between Russia and Japan. It was during that stay in Singapore, that Admiral Bridge made, on behalf of the British Admiralty, that famous purchase of all the Cardiff coal between Aden and Japan, not to speak of all the cargoes afloat to arrive. One result of this was that the Russian cruiser, *Rosini*, on her maiden trip to the Far East, found herself hung up at Singapore, and only got on by courtesy of the British Government in granting the needed supply. Warned by this, the German Consul laid in a stock for the provisioning of the *Deutschland* and *Gefen* taking Prince Henry out to the Far East.

**Japan's War Expenses.**  
We learn from a Japanese contemporary that Japan has already spent 28 millions yen in connection with the Northern China campaign. This sum has been defrayed out of the fund for repairing war vessels. With the present year the monthly expenditure amounts to 2 million yen. But as there is no further fund for this expenditure, the Government is in great difficulties. The naval repairs fund must be replenished, and this admits of no further delay. On the other hand, there is no possibility of raising a loan in the domestic market nor is there any prospect of raising one abroad. Hence the increase of taxation has become necessary. During the fiscal year beginning in April next, the amount to be raised on this score is estimated at 7 millions, owing of the new taxes coming into operation late, but this sum hardly covers the campaign expenses for more than three months; and still leaves a deficit of 17 million yen. This deficit is to be temporarily made good by borrowing a sufficient amount from the Bank of Japan. To equalize the accounts the Government will be obliged to raise 30 million yen sooner or later. And to this the aforesaid sum of 17 million to be borrowed from the Bank of Japan and this total will reach a figure of 47 millions, which large sum is to be withdrawn from circulation at last for some time. This state of affairs is giving great concern to the commercial and industrial communities.

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**British South Africa.**  
The War is believed to be to the west of Koonstad, and intending to cross the mill way eastward. The only Boers now in the Cape Colony are Kriegers and Schepers' Commandos, which are pressed between Goring's and De la Rive's columns in the Maribou district. It is now almost impossible to operate against De la Rive in his own country, and with his forces dissolving into infinitesimal parties, when pressed.

**THE HAY-PAUNCEFOTE TREATY.**  
Great Britain has definitely rejected the United States Senate's amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**  
Mr. Balfour proposes that a Joint Committee be appointed to consider the revision of the Xing's code. The Committee of the House of Commons has been appointed to consider the King's Civil list.

**BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.**  
Two Boer soldiers convicted of train-wrecking have been sentenced to death.

**TRIAL TRIP OF THE 'SAINAM'.**  
Speech by His Excellency.  
The trial trip of the new West River steam-wheel steamer *Sainam* took place yesterday under the most favourable auspices. The builders (Messrs Geo. Fenwick and Co.) invited a representative party of gentlemen to be present, and among those who availed themselves of the invitation were His Excellency the Governor (Sir Henry Blake, G.C.M.G.), Messrs R. F. Johnston, Cruickshank (Government Marine Surveyor, New South Wales), W. Poole, W. J. Gresson, E. O. Emmett, T. Yule, W. Ramsay, D. Sinclair, G. C. Anderson, D. McDonald, F. D. Gooden, A. B. Harris, W. P. L. O'Connell, W. G. Winterburn, J. J. Andrew, D. Harvey, Branch, etc. The above-named include representatives of the different companies in the syndicate to which the *Sainam* belongs, viz., Messrs Butterfield and Swire, Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., and the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Co. The vessel was in charge of Captain Lonsdale, who has been engaged in the West River traffic for some years, and Mr. W. G. Moore, R.N.R., as chief engineer.

The run down the harbor was most enjoyable, the vessel attracting much attention as she ploughed her way through the different anchorages, leaving behind her a long broad trail of white foam. Every part of the machinery played in the most satisfactory manner, and from beginning to end of the trip there was not a single hitch, a most gratifying result to the labors of the builders. On the outward journey a speed of 18 knots was maintained with ease, the vessel being capable of doing more in a push.

On the return journey the company assembled in the saloon.

Mr. Poole, Director of Messrs Geo. Fenwick and Co., proposed the toast, "Success to the *Sainam*," and Mr. O'Connell, in response, said:—"I beg to say that I trust the *Sainam* will be a successful and profitable craft to her enterprising owners, enterprising because, as we know, those two ships, the *Sainam* and the *Nippon*, are pioneers of commerce on the West River of the Kwangtung province. We also hope that they are merely the first of a host which Messrs Fenwick and Co. may have the honor of building. (Hearty cheer.) We have tried to make a good job of them, and we hope they will be a success, and we will do our best to do so. I trust they will always take a deep interest in their future career. I may say that we are exceedingly pleased to see His Excellency Sir Henry Blake here to-day (hearty cheer). We know the interest he takes in the Kwangtung trade, and engineering, and we are sure that he will be honored with his presence on many similar occasions. (Applause.)"

The toast was heartily responded to.

His Excellency then proposed "Success to the Builders." He said:—"Mr. Poole, and gentlemen, this has been a most interesting occasion for me. I have taken the deepest interest in this ship, and her sister ship. I have seen them both constructed as they lay in the keel, and down the ways in the early morning. I think I know the ship from her keel to her upper works, and I heartily congratulate Messrs Fenwick and Company on the work they have turned out. I have been all over the ship, and I think she is admirably suited for the work she is intended for, and I hope she will be a success. I trust she will always take a deep interest in their future career. I may say that we are exceedingly pleased to see His Excellency Sir Henry Blake here to-day (hearty cheer). We know the interest he takes in the Kwangtung trade, and engineering, and we are sure that he will be honored with his presence on many similar occasions. (Applause.)"

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